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GERA 1007/OP ATTACH

Arthur AXMAN, Possible GERA 1007 Lead

* This is for your information.

1. Transmitted herewith are a letter post card on 13 February 1958 from Peking by Arthur AXMAN, Berlin-Langensee, Marschstrasse 42, to Mr. Jan BIRAN of Eisenwerk Behr, Risch H.G., Augsburg, and two post cards from AXMAN to Jan BECK and Jan FRIEDICH at the same firm. In the letter to BIRAN, AXMAN transmits considerable economic information on China, including a two-page report on the Chinese annual plan for 1958. We have not disseminated this report since the plan has been publicly announced and its outline is contained in the Current Intelligence Weekly summary of 6 March 1958. AXMAN has no operational interest in the Pirsch firm, and has no objection to any use Berlin Base may wish to make of this lead. The letters were obtained through an intercept that is maintained on all mail from Communist China to Bavaria.

2. AXMAN has no traces on AXMAN except the following on Arthur Werner AXMAN who is possibly identical:

a. BGR-1117, 5 October 1953, states that according to H-2 information Arthur AXMAN, former Reichsjugendführer, acted as an intermediary for the Persians and Thipsians in approaching Dr. Hermann NEUBAUER to act as an advisor for both countries. AXMAN is in close contact with former Ambassador RITZ.

b. BGR-363, 22 June 1953, states that Friedl GRIMMAYR, leader of a group of former W leaders calling itself "Der Bund," is in contact with former Reich Youth Leader AXMAN, but AXMAN is skeptical of his activities. AXMAN recently moved to the Rhineland after having lived in Gensdorf-Gelstede where he had close connections with former officers and W leaders, among them the former Air Force Col. Gen. STIEFF.

c. Headquarters traces on Arthur Werner AXMAN, transmitted in BGR-3338, 25 November 1957, are attached hereto. These were sent as traces on ACHSMANN, final name that had been mentioned by a Soviet case officer in an Unruh double agent operation.

Approved:

Enclosures: (see above only)

1. Envelope containing mail
2. HQs. traces

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